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NSA Chiefs Bare CIA Threats After Split

WASHINGTON (AP)—The president of the National Student Association said today that in breaking its relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency earlier this year, NSA officers were fearful of the consequences.

W. Eugene Groves told some 1,500 delegates to the association's congress that during the break period, Richard G. Stearns, association vice-president, "was awakened at 4 a. m. to be read out of future service in the U.S. government by a CIA agent over the phone."

Another NSA leader, Jim Johnson, "was frightened that he would be knocked off on the street corner that week in Washington," Groves said. He did not amplify on this statement.

THE PERIOD GROVES REFERRED to was last February, when the 1.7 million-member NSA announced the break with the CIA. Ramparts magazine disclosed the 15-year secret alliance, during which the CIA provided about $3.3 million for NSA projects overseas and recruited NSA staffers for intelligence work.

Groves said he had been told that Philip Sherburne, a former NSA president was threatened with fabrication of psychiatric records—records that would appropriately turn up at a future date to ruin his career or to open him to backmail.

"There were difficulties and fear" during the February period, Groves said, but "physical fear we parried."

Now, Groves said, "we are more solvent than ever recently, with little help from the CIA—achieved despite them in fact."

GROVES CALLED UPON THE association to concentrate its attention on domestic problems rather than international activities. He said "our cold war mentality" of previous year "creates more antagonisms than it solves problems."

He urged withdrawal by the NSA from the International Student Congress, a confederation of non-Communist student unions based in The Netherlands set up in 1950 to counter the Communist International Union of Students.

He also proposed a reorganization of the NSA to make it more representative of students and said there should be stronger efforts to gain financial support from the campuses.